

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/759,695
Filing Date	January 12, 2001
Confirmation Number	2643
First Named Inventor	Robert H. Halstead
Group Art Unit	2122
Examiner Name	Tang, Kuo Liang, J.
Attorney Docket Number	2682.2013-003

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐.
- iii. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- b. ☐ Please do not enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
- c. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time - ☐ month(s) with copy
- v. ☐ Other -- ☐.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other -- ☐.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$[770]
OR
☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other -- Information Disclosure Statement [IDS].
- b. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Caroline M. Fleming	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	45,566
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Filed: January 12, 2001 Examiner: Tang, Kuo Liang J.

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REPLY

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 16, 2004 in the above-identified application.

In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$
X \$43	\$
+ \$145	\$

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X \$18	\$
X \$86	\$
+ \$290	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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